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**NLSY97 GEOCODE  
CODEBOOK SUPPLEMENT  
ROUND 3**

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**NLSY97 Attachment 102: IPEDS Data and  
College Identification Codes**

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During the interview, respondents report the name and location of each college they have attended. Information from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) is then merged with the name and address of the youth's college to provide users with a code identifying the school (GEO69) and its location (GEO70).

In round 1, no respondent reported more than one college, so GEO69 and GEO70 are the only variables available. The section of the round 2 questionnaire that collected schooling information was substantially revised, and all of the respondent's schools were listed on a school roster (see the "Education" section of the *NLSY97 User's Guide* for more information). Some respondents reported more than one postsecondary institution, so the GEO69 and GEO70 variables are repeated, with decimal extensions indicating the place of the school on the roster. For example, if a respondent's college is listed third on the roster, then the corresponding geocode variables are GEO69.03 and GEO70.03. The round 3 survey collected data in the same way as the round 2 interview, so the round 3 variables are the same as round 2.

**User Notes:** The IPEDS information is actually linked to colleges using two sets of codes: FICE and UNITID. The FICE scheme gives each accredited institution of higher education a unique code, while the more inclusive UNITID system provides a unique number for all postsecondary institutions. In round 1, codes were assigned using the FICE coding system; in rounds 2 and 3, the coding system was changed to the more inclusive UNITID codes. Both coding systems are retained in the IPEDS database, so researchers will be able to identify the same characteristics of postsecondary schools regardless of round or coding system.

The IPEDS data file is maintained by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES); interested users can obtain a complete list of current FICE and UNITID codes from the NCES website, <http://nces.ed.gov/>. These codes can be used to associate the NLSY97 respondent's college with characteristics of the institution as reported by NCES.

During round 1, all schools reported by respondents were represented by a code in the FICE system. In rounds 2 and 3, however, some respondents reported institutions not assigned a UNITID code. In these cases, CHRR staff assigned a unique identifying code, as reported in Table 1.

**TABLE 1: Unique codes for institutions without a UNITID**

Code	Name	Location
<i>Institutions outside the United States</i>		
3000	Universidad Nacional	Costa Rica
3001	University of Madrid	Spain
<i>Institutions in the United States</i>		
220	Data Business Institute	Connecticut
280	Joint Apprenticeship and Training	Florida
360	Indian Valley Vocational Center	Illinois
580	Community College of the Air Force	Mississippi
720	Camden Community College	New Jersey
760	Mid-Manhattan Adult Learning Center	New York
761	Long Island University	New York
920	NPS	South Carolina

1040	Electronic Computer Institute	Virginia
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